

STAVELEY-IN-CARTMEL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 15th January 2024 in the Church Hall, Staveley in Cartmel

Present: Parish Councillors A Gorse (Chair), J Addison, K Lee & A Newby, Parish Clerk L Prescott, Unitary Councillor S Sanderson and 2 members of the public.

81/23 **Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillor R Rhodes.

82/23 **Requests for Dispensations**

Requests for dispensations were received and accepted from Parish Councillors A Gorse, K Lee, A Newby and J Addison in relation to Item 93/23 (Precept 2024/25)

83/23 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

84/23 **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Resolved The acceptance of the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2023 was agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

85/23 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman announced:

- a) The signs and equipment are in place for the averaging speed cameras along the A590 but he is not aware whether the equipment is now operating.
- b) The entrance and exits signs are now painted at Newby Bridge Garage.
- c) Cut tree branches have been dumped around the seat at Staveley and the area needs to be looked at and tidied.
- d) Internet connections continue to be variable and poor for some residents.
- e) A dwelling in Staveley with local occupancy restriction has recently been vacated.

86/23 **Public Participation** (at the Chairman's discretion)

A resident advises that Fibrus are undertaking works around the Canny Hill/Palace Lane/Backbarrow areas but no further details are available. Unitary Councillor S Sanderson advised that Fibrus are the company installing improved internet services and will contact them for more information.

A resident advised that work on the culvert on Canny Hill is still ongoing.

87/23 **Police**

The Clerk reported that no crimes were reported to the Police in the Parish in November 2023.

88/23 **Unitary Councillors**

Unitary Councillor S Sanderson reported that she was pleased to attend the meeting and thanked the Clerk for a lift as she is unable to drive in the dark due to a visual impairment. She is Cabinet member for Children's Social care, Education and Skills. The social care responsibility for children means she is legally responsible - it is the only elected member post that is statutory. Westmorland and Furness is a unitary council which means they have District and County Council responsibilities. As a Cabinet member she attends all Council and Cabinet meetings. They have a structure of office hours, then locality board meetings and training between 4pm and 7pm, then there are evening meetings to attend like parish councils, or others like a community centre, charity meetings etc. There is still work to be done on setting up a new council and dismantling seven others. They have staffing issues: appointments of new roles, covering gaps e.g. the Assistant Director of Education started on 2nd January 2024 so they have been without an AD for over a year as

an example. Work continues responding to resident issues e.g. grit bins, potholes, blocked gullies, dogs barking etc.

89/23 **Councillor Matters**

Councillor Lee reported that more vehicles are parking in the Chapel House Car Park and some mountain bikers are damaging trees. A camera may be installed to identify the culprits.

90/23 **Town and Country Planning Act, 1990**

a) **Planning Applications**

The following applications were considered:

i) 7/2023/5570. Hideaway Cottage, Newby Bridge, Ulverston, LA12 8LZ. Partial single storey front elevation, new front and rear gabled dormers, new rear porch and internal alterations. Demolition of existing garage/store.

Resolved To support, provided a local occupancy clause is included in any permission.

ii) 7/2023/5728. Bellman Beck, Meadow View, Ayside, Grange over Sands, LA11 6HY. Erection of two affordable dwellings.

Resolved To support, provided a local occupancy clause is included in any permission.

iii) 7/2023/5749. Wood Edge Farm, Staveley-In-Cartmel, Ulverston, LA12 8NH. Amendment to condition 2 (plans) on planning application reference No: 7/2010/5581 - Proposed replacement dwelling, detached garage and package treatment plant.

Resolved To support, provided a local occupancy clause is included in any permission.

b) **Planning Decisions**

The following planning decisions were noted:

i) 7/2023/5618. The Old Vicarage, Staveley in Cartmel, Ulverston, LA12 8NH. Demolition of existing garage and construction of ancillary accommodation for parents. Granted with conditions relating to plans, low carbon energy, boundary walls, external walls and roofing materials & external lighting.

ii) 7/2023/5608. St Mary's Church, Staveley in Cartmel, Newby Bridge, LA12 8NH. Electricity service alteration works. Granted with conditions relating to plans.

iii) 7/2023/5667. Hazelrigg Farm, Hazelrigg Lane, Newby Bridge, LA12 8NZ. Amendment to fenestration condition 2 (plans) on planning permission 7/2022/5100, conversion of barn to dwelling. Granted.

iv) 7/2023/5642. CLEUD - Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing Use or Development. Caravan site at Old Barn Farm, Old Barn Farm, Fiddler Hall, Newby Bridge, LA12 8NQ. Granted.

v) 7/2022/5149. Gummers How House, Newby Bridge, Ulverston, LA12 8NP. Improvements to the middle driveway to Gummers How House, Newby Bridge, with construction of new wall and driveway access and associated site works. Granted with conditions relating to plans, entrance & reinstatement of former track.

c) **Planning Enforcement**

i) E/2022/0012 - Breach of Planning Condition - 7/2012/5526 Newby Bridge Motors, Newby Bridge, Ulverston, LA12 8ND. The Clerk reported that she has received confirmation that the Breach of Planning Condition reported by the Parish Council to the LDNPA has now been closed due to works having been undertaken at the entrance and exit of the Garage resulting in compliance.

- ii) E/2021/0198 - Planning Enforcement – Land at Seatle. The Clerk reported that the caravans are still onsite, however the final date for removal has not yet been reached.

91/23 **Updates on Ongoing Issues and Actions to be considered**

a) Seatle bin collections

Councillor Addison confirmed that the original bin collection service arrangements have now been reinstated.

A590 Trunk Road speed limit Order

The signs and equipment are in place, Unitary Councillor S Sanderson will check whether they are now operational.

b) Land Adjoining Meadow View, Ayside

The Clerk reported that she has not received any update regarding this matter.

92/23 **New Agenda Items**

a) Bench in Staveley, the area around the triangle signpost and parking

Councillors reported that cut tree branches had been dumped around the bench in Staveley. Concerns were also raised regarding inappropriate parking near the signpost triangle and the speed of drivers and cyclists affecting the safety of pedestrians.

Unitary Councillor S Sanderson advised she would request a Pedestrian warning sign from Highways to be installed.

b) Proposed 20 mph speed limit in Staveley village

Westmorland and Furness Council are supporting the introduction of 20 mph speed limits to improve safety. Applications can be made by Parish Councils to the WFC, however at present they are only being implemented in areas where the current speed limits 40 mph or less. The Councillors support 20 mph speed limits both through Staveley and around Canny Hill.

Resolved To apply for 20 mph speed limits through Staveley and around Canny Hill.

c) Westmorland and Furness 2024/25 Budget Consultation

Resolved The proposed increases were supported in relation to Adult Social Care.

d) Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's Council Tax Precept for Policing

Resolved To support the proposed increase.

e) Parish hall rent increase

The Clerk reported that the charge for meetings is due to be increased from £40 to £65 per meeting. Councillor Lee advised that the charge would be only £50 during the summer months when heating was not required and £65 during the winter months.

Resolved To accept the proposed increased charges.

93/23 **Finance**

a) Current Financial Status & Cash Book

The Financial Report was circulated.

Resolved To accept the Financial Report.

b) Expenditure

Resolved To authorise the following expenditure:

Clerk's Salary 1/10/2023-31/12/2023 (including NALC revised rates)	£512.61
Clerk's back Pay from 1/4/2023 to 30/9/2023 (NALC revision to salary rates)	£78.
iH Media (Website hosting, domain and maintenance to 31/12/2024)	£662.55
St Mary's Church Hall Rent (15/1/2024)	£40.00

c) 2024/25 Budget and Precept

The Clerk outlined the proposed Budget and Precept for 2024/25.

Resolved To set a Precept of £6,000 for the 2024/25 Financial Year.

94/23 **Highways Matters**

a) Highways matters to be reported

Councillors reported a need for grit bins at Seatle and Canny Hill. Also potholes near Chapel House and at the end of Staveley road near the A592.

Resolved To report to Unitary Highways.

b) Highways matters reported

No updates received.

95/23 **Correspondence**

The correspondence already distributed was noted.

96/23 **Next Meeting**

Noted that the next meeting is on from Monday 18th March 2024 6.30pm in the Church Hall.

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Chairman

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